REMARKS

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2005. Claims 1-6 have been canceled. Claims 7-21 are pending. No new matter has been added. Entry and consideration of new claims 7-21 is respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In light of the cancellation of claims 1-6, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-6, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn. Entry and consideration of new claims 7-21 is respectfully requested.

Should any changes to the claims and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

This Response is being filed with a two-month Extension of Time. In the event that any other extensions and/or fees are required for the entry of this Amendment, the Patent and Trademark Office is specifically authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0518 in the name of Steinberg & Raskin, P.C. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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